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In re Application of: Fischell *et al.*

Serial No. 10/072,177

Group No. 1617

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Examiner: Sharareh, S.

Entitled: **Devices And Methods For Reducing Scar Tissue Formation**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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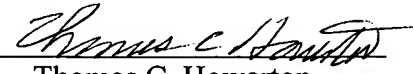
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The Examiner has stated that the application, as filed, is subject to a restriction requirement and requires an election of one of five claim groupings. The Examiner has divided the claims of the pending application into five groups that "... are distinct, each from each other ..." *Office Action, pg 2 last ln.* Specifically, the Examiner suggests that Group I consists of Claims 1-4, Group II consists of Claims 5-8, Group III consists of Claims 9-12, Group IV consists of Claims 13-18, and Group V consists of Claims 19-22.

The Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I and sirolimus as the species.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, the Applicant encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at 617.984.0616.

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